

CLAIMS

1. Apparatus (1), comprising covering means (6, 7) suitable for covering a water tank (2) which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building (A), said covering means being made in the shape of an architectural component (C, L, M), characterized in that said apparatus (1) further comprises angular positioning means (9, 14, 17, 90) so configured as to keep said tank (2) in a substantially vertical position (P, Q).
2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said water container (2) is a component of a solar panel (3) system (R).
3. Apparatus according to claim 1, or 2, wherein said angular positioning means (9, 14, 17, 90) comprises seat means (60, 50, 40, 96) arranged for housing said tank (2) therein, and anchoring means (70, 80, 80', 18, 91, 92) for anchoring to said external portion.
4. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said seat means (40) and said anchoring means (18) are obtained in opposite portions of positioning shell means (17).
5. Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein said seat means (60, 50, 96) is obtained in first positioning shell means (10', 16, 95).
6. Apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said anchoring means (70, 80, 80', 91, 92) is obtained in second positioning shell means (10, 15, 15', 93) hinged on said first positioning shell means (10', 16, 95).
7. Apparatus according to claims 5 and 6, wherein said seat means (60, 50, 96) is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis (X) of said tank (2) can be arranged vertically by rotating said first positioning shell

means (10', 16, 95) in relation to said second shell means (10, 15, 15', 93).

- 5 8. Apparatus (1), comprising covering means (6, 7) suitable for covering a component (19) of an air-conditioning system (Z) which can be mounted onto an external portion of a building (A), said covering means (6, 7) being made in the shape of an architectural component (C, L, M).
- 10 9. Apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising angular positioning means (9, 14, 17, 90) such as to keep said component (19) in a substantially vertical position.
- 15 10. Apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said angular positioning means (9, 14, 17, 90) comprises seat means (60, 50, 40, 96) arranged for housing said component (19) therein, and anchoring means (70, 80, 80', 18, 91, 92) for anchoring to said external portion of said building (A).
- 20 11. Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein said seat means (40) and said anchoring means (18) are obtained in opposite portions of positioning shell means (17).
12. Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said seat means (60, 50, 96) is obtained in first positioning shell means (10', 16, 95).
- 25 13. Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said anchoring means (70, 80, 80', 91, 92) is obtained in second positioning shell means (10, 15, 15', 93) hinged on said first positioning shell means (10', 16, 95).
- 30 14. Apparatus according to claims 12 and 13, wherein said seat means (60, 50, 96) is shaped in such a way that a longitudinal axis (X) of said tank (2) can be arranged vertically by rotating said first positioning shell means (10', 16, 95) in relation to said second shell means (10, 15, 15', 93).

15. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said external portion comprises a roof (T).
16. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said architectural component (C, L, M) has a shape
5 selected from a group comprising: chimney cap (C), skylight (L), attic skylight (M), veranda, balcony, column, arch.
17. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein said covering means (6, 7) comprises wall means (6).
- 10 18. Apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said wall means (6) furthermore comprises window means (F).
19. Apparatus according to claim 17, or 18, wherein said wall means (6) furthermore comprises grille means (20).
20. Apparatus according to any of claims 17 to 19, wherein
15 said wall means (6) is made of building bricks.
21. Apparatus according to any of claims 17 to 19, wherein said wall means (6) is made of panel means (7).
22. Apparatus according to claim 21, wherein said panel means (7) is made of a material that resists
20 atmospheric agents.
23. Apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said material that resists atmospheric agents is selected from a group comprising: glass fibre, A.B.S., polycarbonate, polystyrene, sheet metal.
- 25 24. Method, comprising: reproducing a selected part of a building (A) to get an image (I) therefrom on layer means (L); applying said layer means (L) onto support surface means surrounding a functional non-architectural element (2, 19).
- 30 25. Method according to claim 24, wherein said support surface means is part of a covering means (C, L, M) including said functional non-architectural element (2, 19).

26. Method according to claim 24, wherein said support surface means is comprised in an external surface of said functional non-architectural element (2, 19).
- 5 27. Method according to any one of claims 24 to 26, wherein said obtaining comprises using photographic means (201).
- 10 28. Method according to claim 24, or 25, wherein said associating comprises transferring said reproduction (I) onto supporting film means (F), thus forming a covering layer means (Y).
29. Method according to any one of claims 24 to 26, wherein said applying comprises winding said layer means (Y) around a covering means (6, 7) housing said functional non-architectural element (2, 19).
- 15 30. Method according to claim 27, wherein said applying comprises mutually engaging opposite curved edges (202, 203) of said layer means (Y).
- 20 31. Method according to claim 27, wherein said covering means (6, 7) take part of an apparatus according to claim 16 to 23.
32. Method according to claim 24 to 29, wherein said functional non-architectural element (2, 19) comprises a water tank (2).
- 25 33. Method according to claim 30, wherein said water tank (2) is comprised in a solar panel (3) system (R).
34. Method according to claim 24 to 29, wherein said functional non-architectural element (2, 19) comprises an component (19) of an air-conditioning system (Z).